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Attorney General Frosh Joins Lawsuit to Defend Americans' Health Care

BALTIMORE, MD (October 13, 2017) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today joined a coalition of 17 states and the District of Columbia in filing a lawsuit in the Northern District of California against the Trump Administration's abrupt decision to stop making healthcare subsidy payments required by the federal Affordable Care Act. The harsh action violates the law and will lead to higher healthcare costs for Marylanders. The President's decision puts health coverage for over 6 million Americans at risk.

"President Trump's decision to end cost sharing reduction payments is reckless, destructive and illegal. It will force millions of Americans to choose between paying for health insurance or buying groceries," said Attorney General Frosh. "In Maryland alone, 400,000 Marylanders rely on the Affordable Care Act for health care coverage. Ending these legally required subsidies will jeopardize the health of millions of Americans. And, according to the Congressional Budget Office, it will 1) cost the federal government nearly $200 billion more over the next decade, and 2) increase the cost of health insurance for the average family by 20%. I have joined with my colleagues to force Trump to abide by the law and to ensure that Marylanders and all Americans receive the healthcare to which they are entitled."

The Affordable Care Act's mandatory cost-sharing reduction payments help working families access more affordable healthcare coverage by helping individuals with incomes between $11,880 and $29,700 enroll in plans with lower deductibles, copayments or coinsurance, reducing their out-of-pocket costs.

Joining Maryland in today's filing are the Attorneys General of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

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